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To whom it may concern,

I am a computer scientist working in human genetics research at the University of Utah and I just wanted to pass along my feelings about the Microsoft settlement. I can tell you, without question, that the Microsoft monopoly has made our work more difficult and wasted considerable tax dollars. Because there is no viable alternative, we are forced to purchase Windows systems for each workers desk so that the usual desktop applications are available. The Microsoft operating systems, however, are not adequate for our research so additional UNIX systems must be purchased. The incompatibility of the systems creates many problems and the extra hardware and training needed to operate both systems is very wasteful. "Multi-user" operating systems like UNIX, Linux, and now Mac-OS, are able to handle the work of many people if only the application software were available. The "single-user" operating systems from Microsoft require the purchase of a personal computer and software licenses for every user and it is incredibly wasteful. Because of the Microsoft monopoly, tax dollars are purchasing 50 to 100 times as many computers as are really needed with similar inefficiencies in software licensing.

As a computer scientist and a tax payer, I hope to see the Microsoft monopoly completely dismantled so a more efficient method of computing can be adopted.

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